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## Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A single step or multi-step process for the preparation of a compound of formula (XI):

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} Ar^1 & O & R^3 \\ N & Ar^2 & R^2 \\ R^1 & R^2 \end{pmatrix}$$
(XI)

or a stereoisomer thereof, wherein;

A is hydrogen, hydroxy,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  (preferably  $C_4$ - $C_4$ )—alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  (preferably  $C_4$ - $C_4$ ) fluoroalkyl (particularly  $CF_3$ ),  $C_1$ - $C_6$  (preferably  $C_4$ - $C_4$ )—alkoxy, or OY wherein Y is a hydroxy protecting group or A, taken together with its geminal hydrogen, is an oxo group;

Ar<sup>1</sup> is phenyl optionally substituted by one or more (preferably one to two)-substituents selected from fluoro,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy- $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, carboxy- $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy and  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxycarbonyl- $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy;

Ar<sup>2</sup> is phenyl, naphthyl, pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, pyrrolyl or pyrimidyl, each being optionally substituted by one or more (preferably one-to-two)-substituents selected from fluoro,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy,  $di(C_1$ - $C_4$ )alkylamino and  $C_1$ - $C_4$  fluoroalkyl;

 $R^1$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl or benzyl wherein the phenyl moiety of said benzyl is optionally substituted with  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkoxy or OY wherein Y is a hydroxy protecting group; and

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> alkyl optionally substituted by one or more (preferably one-to-five)-hydroxy or halo groups, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> 23300A OA 1-31-2005 Resp 4-29-2005.doc

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alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkynyl,  $C_1$ - $C_7$  (preferably- $C_4$ - $C_5$ )-alkoxy, phenyl optionally substituted by fluoro (preferably-substituted by one or two fluoro-groups), phenyl- $C_1$ - $C_7$  (preferably  $C_4$ - $C_6$ )-alkyl wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted by fluoro, and -  $(CH_2)_nX$ — $R^4$  wherein n is one or two, X is O or S and  $R^4$  is  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkyl, or, when  $Ar^2$  is phenyl,  $-Ar^2$ -C(=O)- $N(R^2)$ - is a phthalimide group and  $R^3$  is  $C_1$ - $C_7$  alkyl; or

 $R^2$  and  $R^3$ , together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a pyrrolidine, piperidine or morpholine ring, optionally substituted by  $C_1$  - $C_3$  alkyl or fluoro;

comprising a step in which the N-Ar<sup>2</sup> bond is constructed by a copper-mediated aryl amination.

2. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the copper-mediated aryl amination is carried out by a compound of formula (IV):

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
Ar^1 & O & R^3 \\
\hline
O & R^2 & R^2
\end{array}$$
(4V)

or the enantiomer thereof, whorein  $Ar^{1}$ ,  $Ar^{2}$ ,  $R^{2}$  and  $R^{3}$  are as defined in claim 1, is propared by treating a compound of formula (II):

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or the enantiomer thereof, wherein Ar<sup>1</sup> is as defined in claim 1, with a compound of formula (III):

wherein Ar<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined in claim 1 and wherein one unsubstituted position on the Ar<sup>2</sup> moiety is substituted with a halogen group Hal, preferably Cl, Br or I, most preferably Br, in the presence of a cuprous salt, an amino ligand and a base to give a compound of formula (IV)

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
Ar^1 & O & R^3 \\
\hline
O & R^2 & R^2 \\
\hline
O & R^2 & R^3
\end{array}$$
(IV)

## or the enantiomer thereof, wherein Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined in claim 1.

- 3. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 2 wherein the cuprous salt is CuI, CuBr or CuCl.
- 4. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 2 wherein the amino ligand is 1,2 diaminocyclohexane.
- 5. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 2 wherein the base is sodium carbonate, potassium carbonate or cesium carbonate.

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6. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim \(\frac{1}{2}\) wherein a compound of formula (V):

HO 
$$Ar^{2}$$
  $R^{3}$   $R^{2}$   $R^{2}$   $R^{2}$   $R^{2}$   $R^{2}$ 

or the enantiomer thereof, wherein Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined in claim 1, is prepared by treating a compound of formula (TV):

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
Ar^1 & O \\
N & R^3 \\
O & R^2 \\
O & R^2
\end{array}$$
(IV)

or the enantiomer thereof, wherein Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined in claim 1, with a base in the presence of water.

7. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 16 wherein a compound of formula formula (VI):

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
Ar^1 & O \\
N & R^3 \\
O - S & R^2
\end{array}$$
(VI)

wherein Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined in claim 1, or the enantiomer thereof, is prepared by treating a compound of formula (V):

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HO 
$$Ar^{1}$$
  $Ar^{2}$   $R^{3}$   $R^{2}$   $R^{2}$ 

or the enantiomer thereof, wherein Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined in claim 1, with a thionyl halide.

8. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim +7 wherein a compound of formula (VII):

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
Ar^1 & O \\
N & Ar^2 & N \\
O - SO_2 & R^3
\end{array}$$
(VII)

wherein Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined in claim 1, or the enantiomer thereof, is prepared by oxidising a compound of formula (VI):

$$Ar^{1}$$

$$O - S$$

$$O -$$

wherein Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined in claim 1, or the enantiomer thereof.

9. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim +8 wherein a compound of formula (IX):

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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} Ar^1 & O & R^3 \\ N & Ar^2 & R^2 \\ SO_3H & R^2 \end{pmatrix}$$
(IX)

wherein A, Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined in claim 1, or a zwitterion thereof, or a stereoisomer of either, is prepared by treating a compound of formula (VII):

$$Ar^{1}$$

$$O - SO_{2}$$

$$(VII)$$

wherein Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined in claim 1, or the enantiomer thereof, with a compound of formula (VIII):

wherein A is as defined in claim 1, or the enantiomer thereof.

10. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 19 wherein a compound of formula(X):

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A & A & A \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ &$$

wherein A, Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined in claim 1, or a stereoisomer thereof is prepared by hydrolytically cleaving the -SO<sub>3</sub>H group in a compound of formula (IX):

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$$A = \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} Ar^{1} \\ N \end{array}}_{N} Ar^{2} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} N \\ R^{2} \end{array}}_{R^{2}} R^{3}$$

$$SO_{3}H$$

$$(IX)$$

wherein A, Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined in claim 1, or a zwitterion thereof, or a stereoisomer of either.

11. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 10 wherein a compound of the formula (XI), as defined in claim 1, or a stereoisomer thereof, is prepared by the reductive alkylation of a compound of formula (X):

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} Ar^1 & O & \\ & & & \\ N & & & \\ R^2 & & \\ (X) & & & \\ \end{pmatrix}$$

wherein A, Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined above, or a stereoisomer thereof.

12. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (XI), as defined in claim 1, or a stereoisomer thereof, comprising the reductive <u>alkylation</u> amination of a compound of formula (X):

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} Ar^1 & Ar^2 & N \\ N & R^2 & R^3 \end{pmatrix}$$
(X)

or a stereoisomer thereof, wherein A, Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined in claim 1.

13. (Original) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (IV):

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$$Ar^{1}$$

$$Ar^{2}$$

$$R^{2}$$

$$R^{2}$$

(IV)

or the enantiomer thereof, wherein Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined in claim 1, comprising treating a compound of formula (II):

or the enantiomer thereof, wherein Ar<sup>1</sup> is as defined in claim 1, with a compound of formula (III):

Hal
$$Ar^2$$
 $R^3$ 

wherein Ar<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined in claim 1 and wherein one unsubstituted position on the Ar<sup>2</sup> moiety is substituted with a halogen group Hal, preferably Cl, Br or I, most preferably Br, in the presence of a cuprous salt, an amino ligand and a base.

## 14. (Original) A compound of formula:

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
Ar^1 & O & R^3 \\
\hline
N & R^2 & R^2
\end{array}$$
(IV)

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$$\begin{array}{c|c}
Ar^1 & O \\
\hline
Ar^2 & N \\
O - S & R^2
\end{array}$$
(VI)

or

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
Ar^1 & O \\
\hline
N & Ar^2 & N \\
O - SO_2 & R^2
\end{array}$$
(VII)

wherein Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined in claim 1.